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**Applicant Education**

BA/BS From **Wesleyan University**  
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 JD/LLB From **Georgetown University Law Center**  
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 17, 2020**  
 Class Rank **School does not rank**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **The Georgetown Law Journal**  
 Moot Court **No**  
 Experience **No**

**Bar Admission**

Admission(s) **Maryland**

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
Externships      **Yes**  
Post-graduate Judicial  
Law Clerk      **Yes**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

Specialized Work  
Experience      **Appellate**

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and  
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May 22, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
157 Church Street, 18th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Hon. Maria Kahn,

Please accept my enthusiastic application to join your chambers as a 2024-'25 clerk. I am a 2020 Georgetown Law graduate, driven to serve as a federal prosecutor at the intersection of national security and constitutional law. I bring a rare skillset from work as a Hollywood film and TV writer, a campaign policy consultant, two judicial clerkships, and presently a public interest lawyer. With that experience, serving you, Judge Kahn, is my dream. I aspire to further the ideals you embody and would leap at the opportunity to support you in your leading role.

My shift into law was deliberate and hard-fought, starting as a writer of crime and political thrillers but with a hunger to care for my community. In Hollywood, I was known for tackling hot-button issues and engaging in immersive research: meeting experts and traveling to remote locations to learn every fact. My desire for public service prompted my next step, advising civic and federal candidates on global security issues. In both fields, I came face-to-face with victimization and wrongs that I could not fix. I wanted to make a deeper impact. I dove into journalism, volunteered teaching veterans and inner-city teens, won two terms as a board member of Hollywood's strongest labor union, and with that taste of public engagement, knew I had to take the leap into law.

Clerking for Judge Roy B. Dalton, Jr. in the Middle District of Florida and Chief Judge Matthew J. Fader of the Maryland Appellate Court (now chief judge of the Maryland Supreme Court), I saw the bench's power to breathe peace into conflict. I aim to litigate at the appellate level. I spent the past year sharpening my advocacy skills. Now I now seek a mentor to reveal the way ahead. Finding that judge who puts community first and never settles for easy answers is why I ask to serve you. I have studied your opinions, recognized how you test prevailing views, and valued the hard paths you take to get the law right. I will arrive with honed skills: research and writing, reliability under fire, public performance, and teamwork. My broad history affords one more key strength: preparedness. I will hit the ground running. Clerking in your chambers is where these threads unite. And returning to the Tri-State region, where I studied, worked, and intend to live, means being part of your team will feel like home. I hope I can fulfill my dream to join you and contribute my all.

The requested application materials are attached. I can be reached at [aribrubin@mac.com](mailto:aribrubin@mac.com) or (310) 907-5555. Thank you. I am grateful for the opportunity ahead.

Sincerely,

Ari B. Rubin

# ARI B. RUBIN

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## EDUCATION

### Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

*J.D. Cum Laude* | GPA 3.55

2020

**Activities:** The Georgetown Law Journal (executive notes editor); Law Journal Faculty Committee (liaison); Guantanamo Observers Program (2019 trial observer); Public Interest Fellow; Georgetown Criminal Law Association (director of outreach); National Security Law Society (member).

**Awards:** Dean's List (Fall 2019); CALI Best Paper Award (spring 2019); Exceptional Pro Bono Honoree.

### Wesleyan University

Middletown, CT

*B.A. with Honors in College of Social Studies* | GPA 3.67

2002

**Coursework:** Interdisciplinary study of economics, history, government, and social theory.

**Awards:** Honors Award thesis: proposing public-welfare prescription drug plan.

## EXPERIENCE

### SANFORD HEISLER SHARP, LLP

2022–Present

2022 Litigation Fellow | *Washington, DC*

- Attorney at plaintiff-side law firm, litigating in state and federal courts across the nation.
- Areas of focus include: criminal and sexual violence; employment discrimination; ERISA; and *qui tam*.

### U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

2021–2022

Judicial Clerk, Judge Roy B. Dalton | *Orlando, FL*

- Term law clerk. Drafting opinions, assisting at arguments, and managing hundred-case criminal and civil docket.

### THE APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND

2020–2021

Judicial Clerk, Chief Judge Matthew J. Fader | *Annapolis, MD*

- Term law clerk. Drafting appellate opinions and assisting at arguments.

### U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Spring 2020

Intern | *Greenbelt, MD*

- Argued cases on federal misdemeanor docket under third-year practice rule.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION

February 2019–December 2019

Pro Bono and Extern, Counterterrorism Section | *Washington, DC*

- Final secret security clearance as of February 2019. Assisted NSD trial teams in cases involving WMD terrorism, attenuation doctrine, and other national security matters; participated in national security briefings and trainings.

### GEORGETOWN INSTITUTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY AND PROTECTION

2017–2019

Pro Bono and Project-Based Practicum | *Washington, DC*

- With Faculty Chair Neal Katyal. Facilitated constitutional advocacy litigation; assisted injunctive suits barring militia marches following Charlottesville, VA, riots; challenged Maryland courts' prohibition on audio recording.

### MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Summer 2019

Summer Law Fellow | *New York, NY*

- Performed second-chair in felony, jury, criminal trial; assisted intake, arraignment, and pre-trial motion practice; facilitated witness interviews; wrote final drafts of trial motions; assisted writing DANY's domestic terrorism plan.

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Fall 2018**

**Extern, Judge Paul L. Friedman** | *Washington, DC*

- Assisted criminal and national security docket. Drafted opinions for § 3582(c)(2) sentence recalculation cases; drafted comprehensive research memo for Guantanamo detainee habeas claim.

**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA**

**Summer 2018**

**Intern** | *Los Angeles, CA*

- Worked on national security division trial team; researched and wrote legal memos for criminal division cases.

**U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND CIVIC POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS**

**2010–2017**

**Policy Director and Communications Consultant** | *Los Angeles, CA*

- Analyzed policy and developed platforms for multiple campaigns. Created policy briefings; led debate prep; drafted ballot language for Los Angeles County propositions; and wrote speeches and op-eds. Campaigns included local and federal races and initiatives in Los Angeles and Washington, DC.

**WARNER BROS., NBC UNIVERSAL, HBO, PARAMOUNT PICTURES, ET AL.**

**2004–2017**

**Film and TV Screenwriter and Producer** | *Hollywood, CA*

- Wrote and produced feature film and television scripts for major studios and independent producers.
  - Projects included: *Phoenix* at HBO (true story of first black congressmen after the Civil War); *Shelter* at NBCUniversal (involving research with NASA); and *The Brutus Complex* with director Robert Redford (winner of 2005 Hollywood Blacklist). Sundance Screenwriters Lab Fellow Finalist, 2014 and 2017.
- Intensive screenplay research.
  - Embeds included: FBI Hostage Rescue Team; drone pilots; U.S. Army Delta Force; U.S. Navy SEALs; NYPD; LAPD; and DARPA. Earned BTEC Level-4 Certification in hostile region journalism. On-site research on five continents including current- and post-conflict zones and extreme environments.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Disinformation on Trial; Fighting Foreign Disinformation by Empowering the Victims*, 43 CARDOZO L. REV. 969 (2022).
- Grounding the Lone Duck; the President, the Final Three Months, and Emergency Powers*, 109 GEO L. J. 907 (2021).
- A Facial Challenge: Facial Recognition Technology and the Carpenter Doctrine*, 27 RICH. J.L. & TECH. 2 (2021).
- The Conservative Court and Torture Attenuation*, 11 AM. U. NAT'L SEC. L. BRIEF 1 (2021).
- Op-ed contributor to publications including Politico, Huffington Post, and the New York Daily News.

**LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA WEST**

**2013–2017**

**Board Member** | *Los Angeles, CA*

- Oversight of union's strategic planning and triennial contract negotiations with Hollywood studios.
- Member of Inclusion and Equity Group, a leading affiliation addressing Hollywood race and gender inequity.
- Member of Finance Committee. Oversaw emergency loans to writers during the 100-day 2008 WGA strike.
- Co-founded the WGA Foundation Industry Support Fund, providing financial aid to Hollywood workers.

**INTERESTS**

- Multi-Engine Instrument Certified Flight Instructor (CFII-MEI).** Over 1,500 flight hours and 800 hours as flight instructor in New York and Los Angeles. Taught in lecture, seminar, and one-on-one formats.
- DHS Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-1).** Served as volunteer medic on mountain-climbing expeditions in Colombia, Iraq, and Nepal.
- Acting and performance training.** Carter Thor Acting Studio and Upright Citizens Brigade in Hollywood, CA.
- Marathoner, triathlete, and cyclist.** Bicycled solo from New York to California.

**Ari Rubin**  
**Georgetown University Law Center**  
**Cumulative GPA: 3.55, Cum Laude**

**Fall 2017**

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	GRADE	CREDIT UNITS	COMMENTS
Bargain, Exchange & Liability	David Super	IP	0	Two-semester course
Legal Justice Seminar	Allegra McLeod	A-	3.00	
Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis	Kristen Tiscione	IP	0	Two-semester course
Legal Process and Society	Naomi Mezey	IP	0	Two-semester course
Legal Process and Society	Daniel Ernst	B	4.00	

**Spring 2018**

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	GRADE	CREDIT UNITS	COMMENTS
Bargain, Exchange & Liability	David Super	A-	6.00	
Democracy and Coercion	Louis Seidman	B+	4.00	
Government Processes	Jonathan Molot	B	4.00	
Internal Investigation Simulation: Evaluating Corruption in Corporate Transactions	Erin Carroll	P	1.00	This class was only offered pass/fail
Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis	Erin Carroll	A-	4.00	
Legal Process and Society	Naomi Mezey	B+	5.00	

**Fall 2018**

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	GRADE	CREDIT UNITS	COMMENTS
Adv Criminal Procedure	Peter Tague	B+	2.00	
Evidence	Mike Gottesman	B	4.00	
Externship I Seminar	David Zlotnick	A	4.00	This class is divided into a 1.00 credit seminar and 3.00 credit field placement. Only the seminar is graded.
National Security Law	Doug Letter, Josh Geltzer, Mary McCord	A-	3.00	
Professional Responsibility	Daniel Joseph	B+	2.00	

I spent three days per week this semester as an extern for Hon. Paul L. Friedman at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

**Spring 2019**

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	GRADE	CREDIT UNITS	COMMENTS
Constitutional Impact Litigation Practicum (Project-Based Practicum)	Joshua Geltzer, Mary B. McCord	A-	4.00	
Investigating Crime in the Darknet	Paul Ohm	A	1.00	

Issues in Disarmament: Proliferation and Terrorism Seminar	David A. Koplow	A	3.00	
Supreme Court Litigation Seminar	Donald B. Ayer	B+	2.00	
Trial Practice	Kenneth A. Blanco, Matthew R. Stiglitz	B+	2.00	
Week One Teaching Fellows (Congressional Hearing Simulation)	Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Laura Tatum	P	1.00	This TA position was only offered pass/fail.

I spent two days per week this semester serving pro bono with the DOJ National Security Division, Counterterrorism Division. A planned for-credit externship had to be postponed because of the January 2019 government shutdown, and will occur instead in Fall 2019.

### Fall 2019

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	GRADE	CREDIT UNITS	COMMENTS
Advanced Evidence: Trial Skills	Kenneth Blanco & AnnaLou Tirol	A-	2.00	
Externship Fieldwork (DOJ NSD CTS)	N/A	P	3.00	
Externship II Seminar	Rajiv Venkataramanan	A	1.00	This is a 1-credit seminar associated with the pass/fail 3-credit externship.
Federal Prosecution	Andrew L. Creighton & Joseph K. Wheatley	A	2.00	
Negotiations Seminar	Kondi J. Kleinman	A	3.00	
Separation of Powers Seminar	Paul D. Clement & Lisa S. Blatt	A	3.00	
Technology and the Free Press Seminar	Erin Carroll	A	3.00	

Award: Dean's List (Fall 2019)

I returned to the DOJ National Security Division, Counterterrorism Division this semester for a three-day-per-week for-credit internship.

### Spring 2020

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	GRADE	CREDIT UNITS	COMMENTS
Civil Rights Statutes and the Supreme Court Semina	Irv Gornstein & Judge Sri Srinivasan	P	2.00	
Computer Programming for Lawyers (Python)	Paul Ohm	P	3.00	This is a time-intensive (15+ hours/wk) programming course designed for practicing attorneys. I attained Python programming language proficiency.
Federal Courts and the Federal System	Kevin Arlyck	P	3.00	
Strategic Intelligence and Public Policy Seminar	James W. Zirkle	P	3.00	
Week One Head Teaching Fellow (Extradition Simulation)	David A. Koplow	P	1.00	This TA position was only offered pass/fail.

All Georgetown J.D. grades this semester became mandatory pass/fail as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I spent two days per week this semester serving pro bono with the Maryland USAO Greenbelt Office as a third-year practice courtroom litigator. This internship ended late-March as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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**Grading System Description**

I was a member of Georgetown's first-year Curriculum B (also known as Section 3): a selective, first-year, legal experience that supplements traditional black letter law with legal history, social theory, and integrated coursework. Some of the classes, as noted on the transcript, were year-long.



Christine Dunn  
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February 20, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Ari Rubin for a clerkship position. I am currently a Partner and Co-Chair of the Criminal/Sexual Violence Practice Group at Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP (“SHS”), a national plaintiff’s civil rights law firm. Ari has worked as a litigation fellow at SHS for the past year. During that year, I served as Ari’s mentor and was able to observe his skills and strengths. As an attorney for the past twenty years, I have worked with countless junior lawyers and I can confidently say that Ari has the qualities needed to thrive in a clerkship and in the legal profession.

Ari’s past experiences as a judicial and prosecutorial intern demonstrate his strong commitment to public service. However, recognizing the importance of gaining a well-rounded foundation, Ari accepted the SHS fellowship position to enhance his procedural skills and knowledge of civil law practice. The litigation fellow position at SHS is meant to be a one-year stint where attorneys starting their legal careers can gain a solid understanding of civil rights litigation. Ari has thrived in the fellow role and has seized every opportunity to expand his knowledge.

SHS has a number of different practice areas. Many junior attorneys come to the firm wanting to work on cases in their preferred practice group only. In contrast, Ari has made a concerted effort to obtain a diverse experience. While at SHS, Ari has sought out and worked on cases in a number of different subject areas including employment discrimination, ERISA litigation, False Claims Act/Whistleblower cases, and criminal/sexual violence matters. Additionally, Ari has made a concerted effort to strengthen his less-developed knowledge areas and skillsets. For example, he recently worked on discovery production in a multi-plaintiff race discrimination case.

In his time at SHS, Ari has done extensive work in the Criminal/Sexual Violence Practice Group, of which I am the co-chair. Specifically, Ari served as the only non-Partner attorney on a highly publicized case involving the infringement of the rights of a crime victim’s family. The case required extensive briefing on a very short timeline and raised novel questions of law. Ari took the lead on the researching and drafting and served as an invaluable thought partner to the senior attorneys on the case. Recently, there was an appellate argument in the case and Ari was indispensable in helping to prepare the Chairman of SHS for the argument.

One of Ari’s best attributes is that he brings experience from his pre-law career into his work. Prior to attending law school, Ari had careers in screenwriting, film and TV producing, and campaign politics. Many clerkship candidates come straight from college and then law school and lack much real-world experience. I strongly believe that Ari’s diverse experiences add a fresh

perspective and a unique level of maturity to any team effort. Ari has already established himself as a talented attorney and I think he will make an excellent addition to your chambers.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christine Dunn

May 22, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
157 Church Street, 18th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Judge Kahn:

Ari Rubin served as an intern for the Department of Justice's Counterterrorism Section during the 2019 spring and fall semesters. For his excellent research and writing skills and his professionalism, Ari deserves a very strong recommendation from this office.

During his time with the Counterterrorism Section, Ari completed a number of complex and challenging research and writing assignments. He worked with several of our attorneys and was uniformly praised for his work ethic, professionalism, and the final products he completed. Among other projects, Ari wrote memos on an effective assistance of counsel claim, WMD terrorism, material support and the First Amendment, and the Quarles exception.

Ari is also to be commended for his collegial approach to his work and his ability to take on challenging assignments with short deadlines. No matter the task, from basic cite checking to extremely complex research projects, Ari took on each matter with enthusiasm and determination.

I am happy to give Ari a strong endorsement and believe that he would do very well as a judicial clerk.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-305-4713.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Brundage  
Senior Counsel for Policy and Administration  
Intern Coordinator

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600 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
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July 2022

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
157 Church Street, 18th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Judge Kahn:

I write to recommend Ari B. Rubin for a judicial clerkship. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ari since his 1L year at Georgetown Law, and he was a student in three of my courses. He is diligent, passionate about the law, and a genuinely kind person. I believe he will excel in a judicial clerkship, and I highly recommend him.

In the spring of Ari's 1L year, he was a student in both my full-year Legal Practice course and intensive, one-week Internal Investigation Simulation: Evaluating Corporate Corruption course. My introduction to Ari was in the one-week course, which is taught in January. At the end of the first day of that class, I received an unexpected email—Ari was letting me know how much he had enjoyed the opening day and why he found it engaging. I thought this was kind. Yet, of course, I was also a bit skeptical about whether I was just being flattered. As I have gotten to know Ari well, however, I have come to understand that I wasn't. Ari is earnest and genuinely thankful for the opportunity to be spending his days learning about and preparing to practice law.

Ari was a standout in the Internal Investigation course, in which students learn interviewing, fact-gathering, and presentation skills as they work through a problem on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Likewise, he quickly emerged as one of the stronger students in my Legal Practice course. Legal Practice is a required, full-year course (I only taught Ari in the spring) in which students practice both predictive and persuasive writing and get extensive feedback on numerous assignments. Ari was the type of student I love to have in class. He asked tough questions that made me think about the material in new ways, and he was dedicated to becoming an excellent legal writer.

Ari invariably turned in high-quality work. He was a screenwriter before coming to law school and has thought a lot about writing conventions and process. Despite Ari's writing bonafides, he approached the task of legal writing with humility. He was intentional in thinking through how the writing skills he had developed as a screenwriter transferred to legal writing. For example, he was very attuned to tone. He feared that his past writing experience might translate into flowery or dramatic legal writing. His awareness of this possibility made his legal writing all the better.

I was honored when Ari chose to take a third class with me during his 3L year, a small, writing and discussion-intensive seminar entitled Technology & the Free Press. Ari once again excelled in the class. He wrote a superb paper that brought together threads from numerous areas of interest to him—national security, the press, and disinformation. The paper argued for a statutory remedy for those harmed by foreign disinformation. The paper was deeply researched, convincingly argued, and very well written. I was truly awed by how developed the paper was for being written in a single semester.

Moreover, Ari was the most engaged of a very engaged group of students in the seminar. Given the prominence of issues about the intersection of technology and the media in the news, I often began class by inviting students to briefly discuss a current event. Ari regularly offered up topics and, regardless of who suggested the topic, he invariably made the conversation richer for his contribution.

On top of being a welcome presence in the classroom, getting to know Ari outside the classroom has been a pleasure. He and I have kept in touch since he was my student and occasionally get together for a cup of coffee. I am always impressed in these conversations about how thoughtful Ari is about why he is at law school, what he is getting out of it and bringing to it, and where his J.D. might take him.

In short, Ari has impressed me in various ways. I recommend him highly and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about him.

Sincerely,

Erin Carroll

Erin Carroll - ecc66@law.georgetown.edu

## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **McGill University, Canada**  
 Date of BA/BS **May 2014**  
 JD/LLB From **Brooklyn Law School**  
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 10, 2024**  
 Class Rank **5%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Brooklyn Law Review**  
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**  
 Moot Court Name(s) **Moot Court Appellate Division**  
**Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot**

## Bar Admission

### Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

### Specialized Work Experience

### Recommenders

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**BEA RUBIN**

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The Honorable Maria Araujo Kahn  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Kahn:

I am applying for a 2024-2025 clerkship with your chambers. I am a third-year student at Brooklyn Law School, where I serve as the Executive Notes Editor of the *Brooklyn Law Review*. As your clerk, I will contribute the skills I have developed as a summer associate, judicial intern, research assistant, and marketing and communications strategist: my strong work ethic, ability to work well under pressure, and unwavering positive attitude I bring to every team.

Prior to law school, I worked for seven years in the music industry at Atlantic Records and as a marketing and communications strategist with brands such as Ford Motor Company. These experiences taught me how to manage stressful situations, competing deadlines, and demanding clients and bosses. I developed the ability to proactively find solutions in challenging circumstances with limited guidance.

In law school, I have developed strong legal research and writing skills. Last summer, I had the privilege of interning for Judge Ann Donnelly in the Eastern District of New York, where I gained invaluable insights into the inner workings of a clerk's role. I closely collaborated with the clerks to draft proposed orders for Judge Donnelly's review. As a research assistant for Professor Anita Bernstein, I have provided comprehensive research for her upcoming trade book relating to both legal and medical subjects. These experiences have deepened my ability to analyze complex legal questions with clarity and precision.

Presently, I am a summer associate at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. I work closely with partners and associates on white-collar investigations and anti-trust matters to conduct in-depth research and draft memoranda. I also have been deeply committed to pro bono work, including providing legal assistance to domestic violence and human trafficking survivors.

These diverse experiences have inspired my strong interest in pursuing a clerkship, and I cannot envision a more worthy start to my legal career than serving as a law clerk for a federal judge and giving back to the legal community in New York.

Enclosed with this application, you will find my resume, unofficial transcript, and a writing sample. Brooklyn Law School will submit my recommendations from Professors Joel Gora, Anita Bernstein, and Jonathan Askin. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Beatrice (Bea) Rubin

**BEA RUBIN**170 Atlantic Avenue, Apartment 3, Brooklyn, NY 11201 | (610) 585-5563 | [beatrice.rubin@brooklaw.edu](mailto:beatrice.rubin@brooklaw.edu)**EDUCATION****Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY***Candidate for Juris Doctor*

May 2024

Rank: Top 5% (GPA: 3.864)

Honors: *Brooklyn Law Review*, Executive Notes Editor; Moot Court Honor Society, Appellate Division (Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot; Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot); Dean's List 2021-2022

Awards: Prince Scholarship; Charles M. &amp; Anita K. Lee Scholarship; Dennis J. Block International Business Law Fellowship; CALI Excellence for Future Award in International Law

**McGill University, Montreal, Quebec***Bachelor of Arts in English*

June 2014

Activities: Canvas Magazine, *Editor*; Art History Communications Studies Student Association, *Vice-President*; Arts Undergraduate Society, *Orientation Leader***EXPERIENCE****Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, Washington, DC***Summer Associate*

May 2023 – July 2023

Research case law, statutes, and regulations, and draft memoranda relating to anti-trust and white collar issues. Provide pro bono legal services for Sanctuary for Families and Amara Legal name change clients.

**Brooklyn Law Incubator & Policy ("BLIP") Clinic, Brooklyn, NY***Clinic Intern*

January 2023 – May 2023

Led telecommunications, Internet, and right to travel policy efforts. Drafted privacy policies for medical startups and social media companies. Researched Torture Victim Protection Act and international human rights case law. Developed presentations and media outreach materials for technology and startup clients.

**Hon. Ann M. Donnelly, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, NY***Judicial Intern*

June 2022 – July 2022

Reviewed documents and court materials, researched precedent, and drafted two court orders regarding social security issues. Observed daily hearings. Met with clerks to discuss cases on Judge's docket.

**Professor Anita Bernstein, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY***Research Assistant*

September 2021 – Present

Conduct medical and sociological research for Torts Professor Anita Bernstein's upcoming trade book relating to regulations around the male reproductive process and sexually transmitted infections.

**Civic Entertainment Group, New York, NY***New Business and Strategy Senior Manager*

April 2019 – May 2021

*Manager*

April 2018 – April 2019

*Senior Coordinator*

April 2017 – April 2018

Led and advised research, strategy, creative, and account/project management, working with the office of the CEO and Head of Communications for Fortune 50 company. Developed narrative and storytelling platforms for internal and external audiences to convey CEO and leadership's vision of company's purpose, mission, and strategy. Oversaw C-level executive's community engagement and social strategy. Crafted LinkedIn posts that averaged 20K+ views, 700+ likes. Maintained ongoing relationships and partnerships with public and private sector including media companies, brands, community organizations, and city/state government (e.g., Fast Company, VICE, TED, CityLab, Better Block, Spin Scooters, Argo.AI). Identified and supervised partnerships and artist talent onsite for events. Managed coordinators and internal and external support staff for project execution. Developed initiatives to amplify underrepresented voices at Civic. Collaborated with Civic CEOs on new business opportunities. Engaged in new client outreach and development of contracts, scopes, and pitch decks. Managed external consultants.

**Atlantic Records, New York, NY***Promotion Coordinator*

July 2016 – April 2017

*Promotion Assistant*

July 2014 – July 2016

Produced listening events for 200+ clients supporting Grammy-award-winning album launches. Orchestrated events and artist interviews with radio conglomerates. Collaborated with radio and artist management to fulfill show/appearance contracts and riders.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE****Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY, Brooklyn Eagles Leadership Committee**

July 2017 – Present

**Pincus Family Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, NextGen Pincus Family Foundation Board Member**

November 2017 – Present

**LANGUAGE SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Proficient in French. Former colonial reenactor. Interests include collecting vinyl records, hiking, and traveling (last visited: Tunisia).



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Ms. Beatrice P. Rubin  
170 Atlantic Ave.  
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Brooklyn NY 11201

Student Name: Beatrice P Rubin  
Student ID.: 0426513  
Class: 2F

				Cred		Grad	GPA	Faculty	
Courses				Att	Grd	Crs	Calc		
Summer 2021									
TRT	100	D1	Torts	4.00	A-	4.00	14.68	A. Bernstein	
Sem GPA	3.670		Cum GPA 3.670	4.00		4.00	14.68		
Fall 2021									
LGE	125	D1	Legal Profession	3.00	A	3.00	12.00	C. Godsoe	
CRM	100	D2	Criminal Law	4.00	A	4.00	16.00	A. Ristroph	
CPL	102	D2	Civil Procedure	4.00	A	4.00	16.00	J. Ressler	
LWR	100	D15	Legal Research & Writing	3.00	A	3.00	12.00	H. Gilchrist	
Sem GPA	4.000		Cum GPA 3.927	14.00		14.00	56.00		
Spring 2022									
PTE	100	D4	Property	4.00	B+	4.00	13.32	B. Lee	
CLT	100	D4	Constitutional Law	4.00	A	4.00	16.00	J. Gora	
CTL	100	D4	Contracts	4.00	A-	4.00	14.68	W. Taylor	
LWR	101.4	D13	Gateway: Law & Social Justice	4.00	A	4.00	16.00	H. Gilchrist	
Sem GPA	3.750		Cum GPA 3.844	16.00		16.00	60.00		
Summer 2022									
CLN	206	D1	Judicial Externship Fieldwork	3.00	HP SK	3.00	0.00	J. Balsam	
CLN	201.1	E2	Ext Sem - Learn Practice	1.00	A	1.00	4.00	M. Modafferi	
Sem GPA	4.000		Cum GPA 3.848	4.00		4.00	4.00		

Fall 2022

IPL	235	E1	Information Privacy Seminar	2.00	A	2.00	8.00	A. Rausa
ICL	200	D1	Int'l Law	3.00	A+	3.00	12.99	E. Sthoeger
LWR	270	E4	Appellate Advocacy	2.00	A @	2.00	8.00	C. Trupp, A. Pathmanathan
LWR	320	D1	Brooklyn Law Review	2.00	P #	2.00	0.00	B. Jones-Woodin
LWR	400	D1	Moot Court Competitions	1.00	P	1.00	0.00	S. Caplow
CPL	200	D1	Evidence	4.00	B+	4.00	13.32	A. Hoag-Fordjour
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Sem GPA	3.846	Cum GPA	3.848	14.00		14.00	42.31	

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Credits Attempted: 67 Credits Completed: 67 Credits toward GPA: 59 GPA Grade Points: 228  
 GPA: 3.864  
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Student Name: Beatrice P Rubin  
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 Class: 2F

		Cred		Grad	GPA	
Courses		Att	Grd	Crs	Calc	Faculty
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Spring 2023

RLP	200	D1	Administrative Law	3.00	A-	3.00	11.01	W. Araiza
BOL	400	D1	Intl Economic Law Colloquium	2.00	A	2.00	8.00	S. Dean, I. Ten Cate
LWR	320	D1	Brooklyn Law Review	1.00	P #	1.00	0.00	B. Jones-Woodin
LWR	400	D1	Moot Court Competitions	1.00	P	1.00	0.00	
CLN	214	D1	Clinic - BLIP	3.00	A SK	3.00	12.00	J. Askin

CLN	215	D1	Clinic - BLIP Seminar	2.00	A	SK	2.00	8.00	J. Askin
CLT	200	D1	First Amendment Law	3.00	A		3.00	12.00	J. Gora
Sem GPA	3.924	Cum GPA	3.864	15.00			15.00	51.01	

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June 15, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
157 Church Street, 18th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Judge Kahn:

If I were a judge, I'd want Bea Rubin in chambers as my clerk. She is extraordinary in every respect that a judge would value. Speaking as someone with vivid memories of her own clerkship, I feel that I know—in part from not having been nearly as good at it as Bea—what the job entails.

Judges tell me they care foremost about strength in writing and research. Bea is a talented prose stylist—a good writer in the sense of knowing how sentences and paragraphs ought to look and sound and someone who earned high grades in Legal Writing—but that's only the beginning for her. You'll focus on clerkship applicants as producers of the writings that a judge counts on. Here Bea is extraordinary. As a writer, the able clerk understands what you seek with little hand-holding, knows on her own how to retrieve and synthesize materials that will support the document being formed (which might not be limited to draft versions of judicial opinions), asks you a clarifying question or two whenever she needs to but won't need to very often due to being smart and an excellent listener, shifts gears when necessary, and reliably presents what she gathers and creates with clarity, insight, style, and wisdom. That's Bea Rubin. Here's an overview of accomplishments Bea racked up to my great benefit in the two years since I met her in Zoom torts, the eight-week summer semester of 2021.

At the top of the list: scientific research I needed for the book I'm writing (for NYU Press) on law and policy related to male reproductive anatomical capacity. Science, medicine, and epidemiology that pertained to my work on this topic proved challenging for my students and me. Much of what I'd needed to find and read about semen in particular turned out not to use the word. I'm sure you've had the chance to observe the subtle barriers that screens and keyboards impose on research. Electronic technology yields an almost infinite harvest, but it's always dependent on algorithms that take word patterns for granted. Sometimes you can count on hits. (I write mostly about torts: in this field, "palsgraf" in a search rectangle will point the typist reliably to decisional law and secondary sources derived from a famous case.) Trying to educate myself and my research assistants about the law relating to sexual anatomy, I found myself more in a land of what "wills" or "consideration" or "family" produce online—elusive, that is, rather than generative of the discrete set of findings I sought. Other research assistants foundered on these shoals.

The challenge of what I needed to learn supports my conclusion that I have never employed a research assistant with greater strength at figuring out where to look and how to find it. All the more awe-inspiring when I recall that Bea isn't formally educated in science. Bea conquered the toughest challenges that my requests imposed. Prove a negative, check. Find what authors misdescribed or obfuscated in their own writing, check. Spot the anomaly amid consensus: yes. I was so impressed with Bea on this front that I asked her to explain where she thought her abilities originated, in hopes of becoming a better researcher myself.

Bea was characteristically modest in reply. Rather than advert to the intellectual heft that you can see demonstrated in her law school record or if you talk to her in an interview, Bea mentioned her experience in corporate communications and marketing—a line of work about which I know little and one I hadn't associated with the unpretentious seriousness that Bea brings to everything she does. As I understand what Bea said about her background, when supervisors at Civic Entertainment Group asked her to devise strategies and describe plans that multiple stakeholders would understand, Bea held herself to higher standards than any manager or colleague could reasonably expect. In one email message that I found especially insightful, Bea said that her built-in "curiosity and investigatory interests" made her "willing to continue to search and search" until she found "something relevant or helpful." Bea takes that approach to all of her work.

The research projects of mine at which she excelled included topics at a distance from sexual reproduction. I returned with Bea to an area I write in occasionally, legal malpractice, to learn what courts are doing with respect to expert testimony on legal ethics and professional responsibility. Bea found what I needed. Of possible interest to you as a writer, Bea also did excellent work in response to my request to find information about publishers and their expectations for the law-and-policy subset of nonfiction. Her outstanding research on post-Dobbs risks to pregnant women in need of medical care showcased another strength: the ability to connect judge-written law with consequences to human beings.

You probably have a transcript in this application file. I was pleased and slightly amused to see that Bea's A minus grade in the Torts class we shared is lower than her GPA. Bea's first graded course at Brooklyn illustrates how she operates: rather than feel discouraged for not having earned the highest possible score or content to cruise at the second-highest plane, Bea learned from her combination of success and disappointment and went on to earn an unbroken 4.0 when the fall semester of her first year started.

Bea's summer 2021 Zoom experience as I shared it with her was more than a grade, however. I remember with pleasure her contributions to class discussions in our videoconference format. When the fall semester started, Brooklyn moved to in-person classes and all of us, the students and I, got to meet each other with bodies attached to the postage-stamp headshots. Two of Bea's peers in that class happened to remark to me what a pleasure it was to meet Bea in real life and enjoy her collegial company. One of them was a young man who talked a lot into the camera and the other had participated more quietly. Nobody else in that class of 50 got singled out to me for unsolicited expression of appreciation from classmates.

Anita Bernstein - anita.bernstein@brooklaw.edu - 718-780-7934

In Bea you also have a stellar GPA, a great resume of experiences as a law student, writing samples that I think you'll like, and what I have to assume are strong letters from all recommenders. But those achievements are relatively easy to find. I am delighted to testify to Bea's rarer excellence as a writer, thinker, task-finisher, supporter, and colleague. I feel confident that no matter how strong the applicant pool is this year, Bea is a standout among prospective law clerks.

With all best wishes for your clerk-selection process.

Sincerely yours,

Anita Bernstein  
Anita and Stuart Subotnick Professor of Law

June 12, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
157 Church Street, 18th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Judge Kahn:

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation for Bea Rubin to serve as your law clerk.

I am the Founder/Director of the Brooklyn Law Incubator & Policy (BLIP) Clinic at Brooklyn Law School. The BLIP Clinic functions as a full-service law firm for bootstrapped, socially virtuous startups and entrepreneurs, typically trying to build products and services that the law has not anticipated.

I've had the pleasure to work closely with Bea over most of her 2L year and will continue to work with Bea through her 3L year. I have met very few students who demonstrated as much talent and professionalism as Bea. As part of the BLIP Clinic, Bea's role was to engage startups, entrepreneurs, and tech policy advocates and to encourage them to take advantage of the pro-bono services that BLIP offers. Bea has taken maximum advantage of the learning opportunities available to her.

To be successful at the BLIP Clinic, students need to be well versed across legal disciplines. Bea demonstrated a high level of facility across disciplines and had a fluidity and ease with speaking to clients about some of the most technical aspects of their innovations.

I chose Bea as one of just a couple of 2Ls to join the BLIP Clinic from among upwards of 120 applicants, almost all of whom I required to be in their last year of law school. I almost never select 2Ls for inclusion in BLIP, because they are generally not yet mature, seasoned, or broad enough in their legal knowledge and skills to tackle the issues that BLIP confronts. Bea had impressed me the moment I met her when she spoke eloquently and lucidly about multiple novel issues of law and policy. Thus, I made an exception to include Bea in BLIP because of her maturity and obvious skills and dedication. I look forward to witnessing her rise up as a leader among her peers into next year.

Bea has proven to be one of the most committed and inspired students I have ever had. She is also a pleasure with whom to work, for me, for our clients, and for her colleagues. She is a wonderful collaborator, who recognizes that teamwork and the sharing of credit is essential to top level work product. I had the chance to observe Bea at multiple events, and I was immediately impressed with the way that she could naturally make connections and engage. Bea has also demonstrated both outstanding leadership and collaboration skills. She is a strong team player and worked well under the direction of others.

I could always depend on Bea to be one of the first students to volunteer her knowledge, time, and skills. An active participant during clinic seminars and client meetings, she communicated professionally and respectfully with her supervisors, peers, and clinic clients. She is thoughtful, thorough, and has contributed creative solutions to the questions posed before her. She is able to consider the broader legal, political, and business contexts of the topic at issue, as well as identify the specific facts and issues that matter.

With an exceptionally strong work ethic, Bea has met all work submission deadlines and consistently submitted strong work product, even on short notice. She showed up early, stayed late, and was responsive outside of clinic hours. She has a demonstrated ability to absorb new information and develop her skills quickly. Bea responded positively to critical feedback from both supervising attorneys and her peers.

Bea learns quickly and welcomes constructive criticism. She takes pride in her work and executes assignments diligently. She is a terrific law student both in her doctrinal and experiential classes.

Bea's research and writing skills and the quality of her advocacy and presentation style are impeccable. Her research has been thorough, her efforts have been tireless, and her leadership has been most admirable.

Bea is never afraid to take on the toughest issues, novel issues, or concepts outside her core competencies. She is a particularly quick study and a terrific, precise, and thoughtful researcher and writer.

Bea has always impressed me with her positive attitude and participation in BLIP. She is second to none when it comes to managing our clients and juggling competing deadlines. She has proven herself to be a terrific team player, very professional, with great attention to detail.

Jonathan Askin - [jonathan.askin@brooklaw.edu](mailto:jonathan.askin@brooklaw.edu)

Again, I would like to offer my highest recommendation. I have no doubt that Bea will be a terrific asset to your office and a joy to have within your orbit. I also have no doubt she will rise to be smart, ethical, and forward-looking asset to the profession and society.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Askin  
Founder/ Director  
Brooklyn Law Incubator & Policy Clinic

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
157 Church Street, 18th Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Judge Kahn:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of the judicial clerkship application of Ms. Bea Rubin, a third-year student at Brooklyn Law School. I am very pleased to do so. She is one of our very best students, ranking in the top 5 percent of her class. I have had a very good opportunity to become familiar with her abilities, and I think she would make an outstanding law clerk. Ms. Rubin has taken two of my Constitutional Law courses and has excelled in both. Her stellar performance in those courses, her experiences both during and prior to law school, and her professionalism and maturity are all very strong factors in support of her impressive clerkship application.

During her first year, Ms. Rubin was in my large survey course in Constitutional Law and quickly came to my attention for her thoughtful and effective participation in class discussion. She demonstrated early on that she understood the often difficult issues in the course and could speak about them with authority. Her strong final examination paper came as no surprise at all. It was informed, analytically impressive and very well-written. She repeated that outstanding performance this past semester in a second-year course in First Amendment Law where she also got a grade of A because of her impressive and thoughtful class discussion and an outstanding final exam. I have had occasion to review her scholarly writing, and I found it well-researched, thoughtful and very well-written.

In addition, beyond her excellent course work, Ms. Rubin brings other important qualities to the table. She is on the Editorial Board of the Brooklyn Law Review and has had a wide variety of clinical and internship experiences, including one with United States District Judge Ann M. Connelly of the Eastern District of New York. She has also been serving as a Research Assistant to Professor Anita Bernstein, one of the most prolific scholars on our faculty. Especially interesting is that she spent several years between college and law school working in the music entertainment industry in a number of highly responsible positions. In that connection she was able to acquire a great deal of practical experience which I am confident will help enhance her abilities to assist the judicial work on cases in those and related business areas. Finally, Ms. Rubin is currently a Summer Associate at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, one of the nation's premier law firms, an experience which I am sure will enable her to bring additional helpful skills and tools to the discharge of clerkship responsibilities.

For all of these reasons, I am confident that Ms. Rubin has the potential to be a very effective and congenial member of your judicial team and has a promising future in the profession. I have spoken with her and am convinced of her strong interest in having the clerkship opportunity as an important building block to a successful and worthwhile legal career. She has the intelligence, maturity and commitment to discharge the duties of a law clerk in a very helpful way. I think she is an excellent clerkship candidate and most confidently endorse her application.

If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joel M. Gora  
Professor of Law

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**State/Territory**  
**New York**  
**Zip**  
**11238**  
**Country**  
**United States**

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**Applicant Education**

BA/BS From **New York University**  
 Date of BA/BS **May 2011**  
 JD/LLB From **Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University**  
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 21, 2021**  
 Class Rank **10%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Cardozo Law Review**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

**Bar Admission**

Admission(s) **New York**

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial  
Internships/           **Yes**  
Externships  
Post-graduate  
Judicial Law           **Yes**  
Clerk

### **Specialized Work Experience**

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

**Carlos Salguero Jr.**

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May 19, 2023

The Honorable Maria Araújo Kahn  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Kahn:

I write to apply for a clerkship in your chambers for any position in the 2024 term. I am currently a term clerk to the Hon. Robert M. Spector (U.S.M.J.) in the District of Connecticut. I have prior federal judicial experience as an Alexander Fellow in the chambers of the Hon. Lorna G. Schofield (SDNY). Both judges welcome any inquiry as to my performance. Prior to this clerkship, I was a commercial litigation associate at Venable LLP in New York.

Lastly, as someone who came to the law after an extensive “first life” as a musician (among other things), I believe my experiences would make me an ideal and mature fit for your chambers.

Enclosed please find a resume, law school transcript, a writing sample, and professional references.

It would be a privilege to work with you.

Respectfully,

Carlos Salguero Jr.

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**REFERENCES**

**Judiciary**

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information or other law school references. It would be a privilege to work for you and I thank you for your consideration.

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**EDUCATION**

**Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**, New York, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2021

GPA: 3.637

Class Rank: Top 10%

Honors: *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Dean's Honor Roll (2018-2019) (2019-2020)

*Submissions Editor*, Cardozo Law Review (Volume 42); *Staff Editor* (Volume 41)

Awards: Dr. Samuel Belkin Awardee; E. Nathaniel Gates Scholar

American Bar Association's Judicial Internship Opportunity Program (JIOP) Recipient

Activities: *Teaching Assistant*, Administrative Law, Prof. Kate Shaw, (Fall 2020)

*Executive Board*, National Lawyers Guild (Cardozo Chapter '19 – 21)

1L & Law Review Student Mentoring Programs

**New York University**, New York, NY

Bachelor of Music, in Music Technology, May 2011

Honors: Founder's Day Award, Dean's List (Spring & Fall 2009)

**EXPERIENCE**

**The Honorable Robert M. Spector**, District of Connecticut, New Haven, CT

August 2022 – August 2023

**Venable LLP**, New York, NY

Associate, Commercial Litigation, September 2021 – August 2022

Summer Associate, June – July 2020 (4 Week COVID-19 Summer Program)

**Professor Michelle Adams**, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Research Assistant, February 2019 – August 2021

- Assisted in developing the syllabus and annotating cases for the Professor Adams' inaugural Race and the Law course for Spring 2022.
- Provided research assistance for Professor Adams' book *The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North* (forthcoming from Farrar, Strauss & Giroux).

**Educational Policy Committee**, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Student Member, October 2020 – May 2021

- Selected by both the full Cardozo faculty and Student Bar Association to serve as one of the first two student members of the law school's Educational Policy Committee.
- Researched and proposed antiracist curricular and pedagogical changes, later adopted by the full faculty.

**The Honorable Lorna G. Schofield**, Southern District of New York, New York, NY

ABA Judicial Internship Opportunity Program Intern, May 2020 – August 2020

Alexander Fellow, January 2020 – May 2020

- Competitively selected by Cardozo faculty to serve as a full-time intern in Judge Schofield's chambers in the Southern District of New York for a full semester.
- Extended an offer by Judge Schofield to continue the position throughout the summer as a JIOP recipient based on continued excellent performance.

**The Indie Film Clinic**, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Clinical Legal Intern, September 2019 – December 2019

**The Honorable Ann M. Donnelly**, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, NY

Judicial Intern, May 2019 – July 2019

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**Big Ups**, Brooklyn, NY

Bassist, Founding member, 2010 – 2019

- Bass player and co-songwriter in touring post-punk band.
- Self-recorded and independently released six records. Toured across United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico.
- Critically acclaimed and reviewed by media outlets including *Pitchfork*, *Stereogum*, *Rolling Stone*, *VICE/Noisey*, *NPR*, and *The Guardian*.

**VOLUNTEER WORK**: Friends of Guatemala (executive board), The Appellate Project (mentor), Judicial Internship Opportunity Project (screener and mentor).

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**Carlos Salguero**

Last 4 SSN: \*\*\*\*\*3834

Date of Birth: 14-APR

Level of Study: **First Professional**

First Admit: Fall 2017	SUBJ NO.	COURSE TITLE	CRED GRD	R
Last Admit: Fall 2018				
Comments:				
Writing Requirement Completed - 08/25/2020				
Anticipated Juris Doctor				
Ehrs: 85.000 QPts: 247.334				
GPA-Hrs: 68.000 GPA: 3.637				
Associated Program Information				
Program : Juris Doctor				
College : Cardozo School of Law				
Major : Law				
Inst. Honors: Magna Cum Laude				
SUBJ NO.	COURSE TITLE	CRED GRD	R	
INSTITUTION CREDIT:				
Fall 2018				
JD Cardozo School of Law				
Law				
Continuing				
LAW 6001	Contracts I	2.000 B+		
	Goodrich, Peter			
LAW 6202	Elements of the Law	2.000 B+		
	Newman, Leslie			
LAW 6300	Civil Procedure	5.000 A		
	Reinert, Alex			
LAW 6703	Torts	4.000 A		
	Yankah, Ekow			
LAW 6792	Lawyering & Legal Writing I	2.000 B+		
	Stein, Edward			
Ehrs: 15.000 QPts: 55.998				
GPA-Hrs: 15.000 GPA: 3.733				
Spring 2019				
JD Cardozo School of Law				
Law				
Continuing				
LAW 6002	Contracts II	3.000 B+		
	Goodrich, Peter			
LAW 6101	Criminal Law	3.000 A		
	Roberts, Jenny			
LAW 6403	Property	5.000 B+		
	Pollack, Michael			
LAW 6501	Constitutional Law I	3.000 B+		
	Rosenfeld, Michel			
LAW 6793	Lawyering & Legal Writing II	1.000 B+		
	Stein, Edward			
Ehrs: 15.000 QPts: 51.996				
GPA-Hrs: 15.000 GPA: 3.466				
Fall 2019				
JD Cardozo School of Law				
Law				
Continuing				
LAW 7521	Administrative Law	3.000 A-		
	Herz, Michael			
***** CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN *****				
Institution Information continued:				
LAW 7572	Copyright Law	3.000 A-		
	Buccafusco, Chris			
LAW 7577	Trademark Law	3.000 A		
	Wu, Felix Tien-Sh			
LAW 7939	Law Review	0.000 P		
	Shaw, Kate			
LAW 7986	Indie Film Clinic	4.000 A-		
	Greenberg-Kobrin,			
Ehrs: 13.000 QPts: 48.670				
GPA-Hrs: 13.000 GPA: 3.743				
Spring 2020				
JD Cardozo School of Law				
Law				
Continuing				
LAW 7939	Law Review	1.000 P		
	Shaw, Kate			
LAW 7950	Judicial Clerkship	10.000 P		
	Rudenstine, David			
LAW 7951	Alexander Fellows Seminar	2.000 P		
	Stone, Martin			
Ehrs: 13.000 QPts: 0.000				
GPA-Hrs: 0.000 GPA: 0.000				
Fall 2020				
JD Cardozo School of Law				
Law				
Continuing				
LAW 7301	Federal Courts	3.000 B+		
	Rudenstine, David			
LAW 7330	Evidence	4.000 A-		
	Okidegbe, Ngozi			
LAW 7494	Privacy Law	3.000 A-		
	Wu, Felix Tien-Sh			
LAW 7753	Prof. Responsibility	3.000 A-		
	Sebok, Anthony			
LAW 7790	Advanced Legal Research	1.000 P+		
	McRae, Kathryn			
LAW 7900	Teaching Assistant	1.000 P		
	Shaw, Kate			
LAW 7940	Law Review Editorial Bd	1.000 P		
	Shaw, Kate			
Ehrs: 16.000 QPts: 46.669				
GPA-Hrs: 13.000 GPA: 3.589				
Spring 2021				
JD Cardozo School of Law				
Law				
Continuing				
LAW 7111	Rights of Incarcerated People	3.000 A-		
	Reinert, Alex			
LAW 7118	Criminal Procedure	3.000 A		
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**Carlos Salguero**

Last 4 SSN: \*\*\*\*\*3884

Date of Birth: 14-APR

Level of Study: **First Professional**

SUBJ	NO.	COURSE TITLE	CRED	GRD	R
Institution Information continued:					
LAW	7211	Levine, Katherine Jurisprudence	3.000	B+	
LAW	7502	Yankah, Ekow Constitutional Law II	3.000	A-	
LAW	7940	Adams, Michelle Law Review Editorial Bd	1.000	P	
		Gilles, Myriam			
	Ehrs:	13.000 QPts:	44.001		
	GPA-Hrs:	12.000 GPA:	3.666		

\*\*\*\*\* END OF TRANSCRIPT \*\*\*\*\*





**MICHELLE ADAMS**

*Henry M. Butzel Professor of Law*

September 14, 2022

Dear Judge:

It is with great pleasure that I write to recommend Carlos Salguero for a position as a law clerk in your chambers. I am well-acquainted with Carlos' academic ability, personal character, and maturity. I am confident that Carlos possesses the necessary legal and intellectual skills to excel as a law clerk in your chambers, and I recommend him highly and without reservation.

I'm currently a professor at the University of Michigan Law School, a post I just assumed last month. For many years before I joined the Michigan Law faculty, I was a Professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. At Cardozo, I taught Constitutional Law I and II, Federal Courts, Federal Civil Rights and Race, Law and Remediation. For the past several years, I have been working on a book project. In early 2019, I hired Carlos as a research assistant to work on the project at the suggestion of another professor. To say that I wasn't disappointed would be an understatement. During his tenure as my research assistant Carlos read and annotated hundreds of pages of trial transcripts, transcribed audiotaped recordings, located various individuals I might interview, and answered dozens of open research questions.

There are three key takeaways about Carlos. First, he was intensely interested in making my work better. Most research assistants perform the task assigned. But Carlos always went one step further. His approach to the work was "how can I make this a better book" rather than "how can I finish the assignment quickly so I can move on to something else." Second and relatedly, he volunteered. Given the scope of my project, I had several research assistants. I would often issue a request to the group, seeking a volunteer to take on an assignment. Carlos was almost always the first to step forward and take on the assignment. Third, I could rely on his work. If I asked for a search to be done, it was thorough. If I requested a source, cite check, or literature pull I always received more sources, cites or literature than I had asked for. Everything was on-point, relevant and useful. *If you hire Carlos as your law clerk, he will do more than you ask of him and he will perform at a very high level.*

In addition to his intelligence and work ethic, Carlos has other attributes that will make him a great law clerk. Having worked for several years as a successful touring musician prior to coming to Cardozo, he is mature and unflappable. And having served with him on Cardozo's Educational Policy Committee, I witnessed first-hand how quickly he processed information and how well he worked with others. He was one of only two student representatives on that faculty committee and he clearly impressed my colleagues. Quite frankly, it is easy to imagine him one day becoming a law professor.

Finally, there are two additional pieces of information I want to add about Carlos that have transpired since I first drafted this letter of recommendation. First, he was a terrific student in my Constitutional Law II during his last year in law school. The class was taught entirely on Zoom and yet Carlos was fully engaged. His comments and questions were always on point, and he earned an “A-” for his excellent work in that class. Second, and even more impressively, Carlos volunteered to assist me – *after graduation and without pay* – in developing course materials for a new Race and the Law class I taught at Cardozo last semester. The materials Carlos sourced and suggested were outstanding. They added real depth to the course, and assisted me in my preparation process. With respect to his assistance with the Race Law class, I’ll simply repeat what I said above: *it is easy to imagine him one day becoming a law professor.*

I hope it is obvious from this letter that I recommend Carlos highly. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (734) 647-3589. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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June 23, 2022

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**Re: Clerkship Application of Carlos H. Salguero, Jr.**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a partner in the New York office of Venable's Commercial Litigation Group. I write to recommend Carlos H. Salguero, Jr. for a clerkship position. Carlos began at Venable as a summer associate in 2020, and joined our group as a first year associate in October 2021. I have had the pleasure to work with Carlos directly over the past year.

Carlos is an outstanding legal researcher. I have given Carlos some very tough research assignments and he never disappoints. He is thorough and dogged in his pursuit of relevant caselaw and will not give up until he finds an answer. He does a great job of analyzing cases, and also stretching that analysis when required. He has a sharp legal mind and grasps new concepts quickly.

Carlos is also an outstanding writer. He consistently produces a high quality work product. I have given him opportunities to write memos, letters and briefs and I find that his contributions need very little, if any, editing. He writes in a clear, concise manner that is a pleasure to read. He includes turns of phrase and observations that engage the reader. He uses cases well and writes persuasively. He relishes constructive criticism and is always striving to improve. I would say that his writing skills are far above what I would expect of someone at his level.

Carlos is a very hard worker. He has never turned down an assignment, even when I know that he is juggling other matters at the same time. He communicates regularly regarding his progress. He is reliable and always meets deadlines.

I also trust Carlos's judgment. He takes ownership of the cases assigned to him, and I do not hesitate to have him communicate directly with the client. He understands that a practical solution in some cases is preferable to a legal one. He is personable, team-oriented and truly a pleasure to work with.

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Perhaps the feature that distinguishes Carlos the most from his colleagues is his insatiable intellectual curiosity. He also has consistently come up with creative ways to solve the legal problems presented to him.

Carlos's skills far exceed my expectations for an associate at his level. I am incredibly impressed with him as an attorney, and while he will certainly be missed, I have no doubt that a clerkship will provide him with invaluable experience. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss Carlos's candidacy further.

Sincerely,



Jessie F. Beeber

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May 19, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
Connecticut Financial Center  
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New Haven, CT 06510-2100

Dear Judge Kahn:

I am delighted to recommend Carlos Salguero for a clerkship in your chambers. Of the many students I have taught so far at Cardozo, Carlos is one of the students I have most valued and enjoyed working with. He is a beautiful writer, a poised and thoughtful participant in the classroom, an engaging and clever legal thinker, a smart and experienced lawyer, and a truly warm and wonderful person. Carlos will accomplish much throughout his career, and he will be an exceptional law clerk. He has earned my high praise and my very strong support.

Carlos and I worked together in two formats, each of which gave me the chance to see a distinct side to his talent. First, he was a student in my first-year property law course in the spring of 2019. Because property is a five-credit course at Cardozo, we meet every day of the week, so I have many opportunities to interact with my students and to evaluate their understanding, preparedness, and analytic abilities. While there were a number of excellent students in the class that year, Carlos shined in the classroom all semester long. His participation was pitch perfect: Never too much, never hogging the spotlight, but always engaged, always thinking, always ready for tricky cold-calls, and always asking smart and valuable questions that advanced the conversation and enhanced his classmates' learning. I should also say that none of this seems to have been unique to my class. In fact, I remember chatting about halfway through that semester with a colleague who was visiting Cardozo from another institution and who was teaching one of Carlos's other classes. We were comparing notes on the students we were impressed by, as one does, and we both immediately named Carlos. This colleague gushed about him, just as I did then and just as I am now. He was simply a pleasure to teach.

Outside of the classroom, too, Carlos and I had (and indeed continue to have, even after his graduation) frequent conversations about interesting legal issues on Carlos's mind or in the news. To take just one example that suggests a scary degree of prescience, Carlos came to my office towards the end of that semester to ask about the application of the Takings Clause to intellectual property. In particular, he was curious about the hypothetical scenario of a government using its power of eminent domain to acquire privately held vaccine technology needed to combat a public health crisis. A more innocent time!

Of course, you have seen Carlos's transcript, so you know that I ultimately gave him a B+ in the course. Let me say a few things about that. First, a B+ is an excellent grade at Cardozo, as our curve is centered on a low B. Second, I am a firm believer that any grade only tells part of a student's story. We all have off days. And the knowledge and skill that Carlos demonstrated all semester long tells me that he was then and is now capable of earning an even higher grade in property law. Third, Carlos did a superb job on all of the issue-spotters and essay questions on my final exam. Graded only on those, he would have been in solid A- territory, without question. He stumbled a bit on the multiple-choice portion of the exam—the part that has the least to do with the actual practice of law or the job of a law clerk—which pulled him just into B+ territory. But again, the bottom line is that, in my judgment, Carlos's grade in my class does not reflect the full scope and depth of his abilities.

You don't have to take my word for it, either. Carlos was admitted to Cardozo as a Gates Scholar, an award we extend to applicants with outstanding potential who are also first-generation graduate students or people who come from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the legal profession. Once at Cardozo, Carlos went on to excel in Civil Procedure, Torts, and Criminal Law during his first year, earning straight A's in all three. And throughout his second year he never faltered below an A-. He made the Dean's Honor Roll in his first year and, as of the end of his second year, stepped up into the top 10 percent of his class. Moreover, on the strength of his first-year record and strong recommendations like mine, Carlos was selected by my colleagues on the faculty to participate in our highly selective Alexander Fellowship program, under the auspices of which he spent a semester as a full-time intern for Judge Lorna Schofield on the Southern District of New York. More on that below. He was also selected for our flagship Law Review. More on that below as well.

But first, I want to discuss the delight of working with Carlos in another capacity, this time as the advisor for his case comment. As I said, Carlos was selected onto Law Review and wanted to write about the Supreme Court's then-recent decision in *Manhattan Community Access Corp. v. Halleck*, 139 S. Ct. 1921 (2019), a free speech case involving a public access TV station which raised the question whether such a station is a state actor. I am hardly a First Amendment expert, but the case raised some

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interesting property law questions having to do with government ownership of channel space and its impact on the public forum analysis. Most of all, though, I was just excited to work with Carlos again, so I readily agreed when he asked me to advise. He was the consummate advisee. He needed zero hand-holding but was open and communicative about his progress and the areas in which he wanted some added guidance. Honestly, most of my guidance in the earliest stages of the project was superfluous, but I appreciated that he made me feel useful. When I saw his first full draft, I was floored by how beautifully written it was. Carlos has a real way with words, to say nothing of the meticulous sentence-level writing and the clear and cogent structure that drove the paper as a whole. Of course, at this stage, I had (as I always do) quite a bit of substantive feedback to offer about good academic argumentation, ways to refine and punch up the analysis, et cetera. He was already well on his way on these fronts too, but Carlos happily took all of my suggestions on board and produced a terrific revised version that showed me he has what it takes, not only to do tremendous analytic and doctrinal work, but to put together well-thought-out and persuasive normative scholarship. He deserves to be very proud of what his hard work produced.

Let me put it this way: Prior to joining the Cardozo faculty, I taught Legal Research & Writing at the University of Chicago for two years and worked with over 60 students on legal analysis, memo-writing, and brief-writing. Carlos's first draft of this paper was better in terms of writing and equal or better in terms of substance than a substantial amount of the final work-product I saw from my students there.

There's so much more to say about Carlos's accomplishments thus far, and while his resume speaks for itself, I would be remiss if I did not highlight just two of them. First, speaking of Law Review, after a year as a Staff Editor, Carlos was chosen by his peers to serve as one of two Submissions Editors during his third year. In this role, Carlos was charged with reading a mountain of manuscript submissions from law professors and other scholars around the country and helping select the pieces the Law Review published. This work not only fits with Carlos's evident abilities in this arena, but it also exposed him to a great deal of legal writing and enhanced his own abilities along the way. As they say, good writers read, and I know from experience (having served in a similar role when I was a law student) just how much better one gets at writing and legal argumentation in this position. Carlos's selection also demonstrates the faith his fellow students had in him and the appropriately high regard in which they held him (and, I'm sure, continue to hold him).

Second, by the time he would arrive in your chambers, Carlos will have worked in the chambers of *three* federal judges. First, he was an intern for Judge Ann Donnelly in the Eastern District of New York. Second, as I noted above, he was an Alexander Fellow for Judge Schofield. In fact, his time with Judge Schofield was such a success that, when the pandemic led the law firm at which he was going to be a summer associate to pare back its summer program, the judge invited him to continue on in her chambers through the summer as an intern under the auspices of the ABA's Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, which is aimed at students who are members of traditionally underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. (Carlos went on to perform substantive work in a number of arenas at that firm during its truncated summer program, and he has received a post-graduation job offer there.) Simply put, Carlos earned the respect and trust of Judge Schofield and her clerks the same way he earned the respect and trust of his classmates, my colleagues, and me: by getting the job done with professionalism, intelligence, independence, and attention to detail. Indeed, as his time in Judge Schofield's chambers went on, Carlos was entrusted with more and more responsibility. By the end, he was helping to train new interns, update chambers manuals, lead cite-checks, and draft opinions, including one in a significant habeas case. And when the pandemic required the court to move its work online, Carlos—full of admiration for the way in which everyone in the courthouse pitched in to keep the justice system operating—worked with a clerk to draft and keep current a memo to brief all of the Southern District judges on how to access and use the various platforms necessary to keep their chambers running. Third and finally, Carlos is now in the midst of a full-time clerkship with Judge Robert Spector in the District of Connecticut. In addition to managing and advising on his assigned cases and motions like any law clerk, Carlos has taken a keen interest in handling *in forma pauperis* motions. He tells me that he enjoys the intellectual exercise of conducting the "first-look" required of magistrate judges and discerning what claims the plaintiff may plausibly be advancing. While complaints and briefs written by well-resourced law firms certainly make one's job easier, Carlos both enjoys the challenge of digging through the arguments made by the less-counseled and finds it to be an important way in which the judicial system can ensure that everyone has a dignified opportunity to be heard. Appreciating the chance to resolve a tricky legal exercise and truly valuing the chance to help people along the way? That's Carlos in a nutshell.

I should also emphasize here that Carlos has come to fully understand from the experiences he has already had—in a way that I certainly did not until well into my first clerkship—what *else* a clerk needs to do in the job besides research, bench memos, and opinions. He knows his role as a law clerk is also to anticipate and meet the judge's needs before he or she even knows what they are, to understand how to help him or her move a case along, to make himself available whenever he might be needed, and to work with the whole range of chambers and courthouse staff to make the judge's life and docket run smoothly. And, clearly, he already knows how to do all of that superbly well. I have known exceptional law students who secure prestigious clerkships who never figure this part out. As I said, it certainly took me some time too. But Carlos is already there, and he is only further blossoming during his term with Judge Spector. This is yet another of the many reasons why he will hit the ground running and firing on all cylinders in your chambers. He will deliver for you on every score from day one.

Finally, on top of everything else, Carlos will not only be a law clerk you value, but one you thoroughly enjoy working with. I sincerely believe that everyone who has ever crossed paths with Carlos would agree that one could not ask for a better colleague. I know that I would have been thrilled to have him as my co-clerk. Not only is he simply a good person with a kind heart and a warm, witty sense of humor, but he is also a deeply humble and down-to-earth person. The child of immigrants and the first in his family to attend law school, Carlos approaches every opportunity with a true zeal to learn and to contribute. And from a young-adulthood spent working in the food service industry and selling wine door-to-door, to the years he spent after college forming and performing in a close-knit post-punk band with a social justice mission, to all of his experiences in law school,

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Carlos has developed a mature and nuanced understanding of what it means to work collaboratively and to respect and appreciate everyone's voice and perspective.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me ([michael.pollack@yu.edu](mailto:michael.pollack@yu.edu)). I would be more than happy to discuss Carlos's many qualifications further.

Very truly yours,

Michael Pollack  
Professor of Law

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 Date of JD/LLB **June 7, 2023**  
 Class Rank **School does not rank**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics**  
 Moot Court **No**  
 Experience **No**

**Bar Admission****Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
 Externships **No**



Post-graduate Judicial  
Law Clerk      **No**

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June 9, 2023

The Honorable Maria Araújo Kahn  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Dear Judge Kahn,

I am a recent graduate of Georgetown Law writing to apply for a term clerkship beginning in 2024 as well as for any future terms. I would like to clerk on a U.S. Court of Appeals because I find the challenges of legal doctrine deeply interesting. During law school, I have assisted with appeals and post-conviction work. I grew up in Connecticut, where my parents and brother still live. I would be honored to return home to serve as your clerk.

My personal story is somewhat unusual for a law student. After high school I attended college briefly but quickly dropped out. I worked in the service sector for about five years. I was glazing doughnuts in the back of a fast-food restaurant when I decided I wanted a different set of opportunities. I enrolled in community college. In the school library, I read an article that focused on racial disparities in capital sentence judicial overrides. I transferred to the University of Missouri to study under the article's author.

Once I began work as a journalist, I covered a series of criminal trials. Briefing in one case convinced my untrained eye that the trial court improperly allowed the government to present acquitted conduct. The state supreme court held for the defense and reversed the conviction. I then realized I would need to go to law school to indulge my intellectual and professional interests. I now know I made the right decision.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to assist in the work of your chambers. My experiences as a low-wage worker and community college student have taught me resilience, persistence, and fortitude. My professional background as a journalist has taught me the importance of care and precision when writing for the public. And my work during law school on criminal appeals, civil rights plaintiff litigation, and criminal record expungement has taught me how the technical challenges of legal work are linked to real differences in people's lives.

I have also provided a resume, a copy of my law school transcript, a writing sample, and letters of recommendation from Assistant Federal Public Defender Tony Axam, Professor Shon Hopwood, Professor Michael Pardo, and Professor Carlos Vázquez. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any other information in support of my candidacy at 573.355.2979 or ss4436@georgetown.edu.

Best regards,



Shane Sanderson

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**EDUCATION****GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER****Washington, DC***Juris Doctor*

June 2023

GPA: 3.69/4.00

Activities: *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, Executive & Submissions Editor; Christian Legal Aid of DC, volunteer.

Honors: Dean's list (1L); Pro Bono Pledge honoree; Merit scholarship.

Publication: Shane Sanderson, Note, *Drawing a Portrait of Confidence: One Resolution to Legitimate Voter Concerns in the Shadow of Illegitimate Violence*, 35 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1117 (2022).**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI****Columbia, MO***Bachelor of Journalism; Emphasis in Data Journalism for Print and Digital News*

May 2017

Honors: Sam Bronstein Scholarship; Jeanne &amp; David Rees Scholarship; Raymond J. Ross Scholarship.

**COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE****Manteo, NC***Associate in Arts*

Dec. 2014

**EXPERIENCE****DECHERT****Philadelphia, PA***Incoming Litigation Associate*

Nov. 2023 (anticipated)

*Summer Associate*

May 2022 – July 2022

- In federal trial of pro bono matter, *inter alia*: summarized potential cross-examination faced by client on the basis of his first-day testimony and proposed modes of rehabilitation; researched case law for potential *Batson* challenge; drafted portions of motion *in limine*; and drafted and delivered opposing counsel moot opening statement and closing argument.
- Wrote internal memoranda for circulation to litigation team on product liability matter set for trial in August. Redrafted memoranda for presentation to client advising trial strategy following opposing counsel's release of relevant discovery.
- Drafted questions used in deposition of adverse expert witness expected to testify regarding remedies.

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER****Washington, DC***Appellate Intern*

Sept. 2021 – April 2022

- Wrote first draft of successful motion for relief in District Court on Sixth Amendment grounds resulting in the court's identification of error in jury selection process and corresponding modification of procedures for the District.
- Drafted pre-trial motions, portions of sentencing memorandum, and portions of habeas corpus petitions to District Court, as well as portions of certiorari petition filed with U.S. Supreme Court.
- Investigated novel questions of law and drafted summaries of relevant persuasive authorities for reference in client consultation and drafting of appellate briefs, habeas corpus petitions, and probation revocation arguments.
- Conducted preliminary statistical analysis of jury panel demographics to prepare litigation of Sixth Amendment issue.

**CALIFORNIA APPELLATE PROJECT****San Francisco, CA***Habeas Intern*

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

- Reviewed trial record, client communications, newly developed evidence, relevant scientific literature, and appellate attorney documentation to identify potential issues for state habeas corpus petition in death penalty case.

**CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE****Casper, WY***Criminal Justice Reporter*

Aug. 2017 – July 2020

- Researched and reported articles totaling more than 5,000 words, drawing on thousands of pages of court and administrative documents and hours of in-person interviews.
- Independently pitched and implemented a redesign of the paper's criminal justice coverage, reorienting the section toward in-depth narrative, investigative and accountability journalism.
- Honored with the Wyoming Press Association's first place award in general news and the Associated Press Sports Editors' national investigative prize, ranking alongside contestants from ESPN.com, USA Today and Yahoo Sports.

**KANSAS CITY STAR****Kansas City, MO***News Reporting Intern*

June 2017 – Aug. 2017

**COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN****Columbia, MO***Assistant City Editor*

Dec. 2016 – May 2017

*Public Safety Reporter*

Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2016

This is not an official transcript. Courses which are in progress may also be included on this transcript.

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GUID: 817740569

Course Level: Juris Doctor

Entering Program:

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Juris Doctor  
Major: Law

Subj	Crs	Sec	Title	Crd	Grd	Pts	R
Fall 2020							
LAWJ	001	22	Civil Procedure	4.00	A	16.00	
			Aderson Francois				
LAWJ	002	22	Contracts	4.00	A-	14.68	
			Anna Gelpen				
LAWJ	005	21	Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis	2.00	IP	0.00	
			Erin Carroll				
LAWJ	008	21	Torts	4.00	B+	13.32	
			Paul Rothstein				
Spring 2021							
LAWJ	003	22	Criminal Justice	4.00	A	16.00	
			Shon Hopwood				
LAWJ	004	22	Constitutional Law I: The Federal System	3.00	B+	9.99	
			Paul Smith				
LAWJ	005	21	Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis	4.00	B+	13.32	
			Erin Carroll				
LAWJ	007	92	Property	4.00	A-	14.68	
			Neel Sukhatme				
LAWJ	1326	50	Legislation and Regulation	3.00	A-	11.01	
			William Buzbee				
Dean's List 2020-2021							
Fall 2021							
LAWJ	126	07	Criminal Law	3.00	B+	9.99	
			John Hasnas				
LAWJ	1491	113	~Seminar	1.00	A-	3.67	
			Adrianne Clarke				
LAWJ	1491	115	~Fieldwork 3cr	3.00	P	0.00	
			Adrianne Clarke				
LAWJ	1491	20	Externship I Seminar (J.D. Externship Program)		NG		
			Adrianne Clarke				
LAWJ	165	09	Evidence	4.00	B+	13.32	
			Mushtaq Gunja				
LAWJ	1656	08	Technology and Election Integrity Seminar	2.00	A	8.00	
			Matt Blaze				
Transcript Totals							
				EHrs	QHrs	QPts	GPA
Current				13.00	10.00	34.98	3.50
Cumulative				43.00	40.00	143.98	3.60

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Spring 2022							
LAWJ	1098	05	Complex Litigation	4.00	B+	13.32	
			Maria Glover				
LAWJ	1492	110	~Seminar	1.00	A-	3.67	
			Alexander White				
LAWJ	1492	112	~Fieldwork 3cr	3.00	P	0.00	
			Alexander White				
LAWJ	1492	39	Externship II Seminar (J.D. Externship Program)		NG		
			Alexander White				
LAWJ	1712	05	Advanced Evidence Seminar	3.00	A	12.00	
			Michael Pardo				
LAWJ	215	09	Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights and Liberties	4.00	A-	14.68	
			Robin Lenhardt				
Fall 2022							
LAWJ	1655	05	Criminal Justice Reform Seminar	3.00	A	12.00	
			Shon Hopwood				
LAWJ	178	05	Federal Courts and the Federal System	4.00	A	16.00	
			Carlos Vazquez				
LAWJ	351	05	Trial Practice	2.00	A-	7.34	
			Murad Hussain				
LAWJ	361	03	Professional Responsibility	2.00	A-	7.34	
			Stuart Teicher				
LAWJ	394	05	Jury Trials in America: Understanding and Practicing Before a Pure Form Democracy	2.00	A	8.00	
			Gregory Mize				
Spring 2023							
LAWJ	1713	05	Law & Neuroscience Seminar	2.00	A-	7.34	
LAWJ	1752	05	Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution	3.00	A-	11.01	
LAWJ	1780	08	Criminal Procedure and the Roberts Court Seminar	2.00	A	8.00	
LAWJ	268	05	Remedies in Business Litigation	3.00	A	12.00	
LAWJ	455	01	Federal White Collar Crime	4.00	A-	14.68	
Transcript Totals							
				EHrs	QHrs	QPts	GPA
Current				14.00	14.00	53.03	3.79
Annual				27.00	27.00	103.71	3.84
Cumulative				85.00	79.00	291.36	3.69

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June 09, 2023

The Honorable Maria Kahn  
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Dear Judge Kahn:

I am writing this letter with enthusiastic support for Shane Sanderson's application for a clerkship in your chambers. I have come to know Shane through teaching him in my Criminal Justice course, my Criminal Justice Reform seminar at Georgetown University Law Center, and in our office-hours discussions.

Shane was among the strongest of my first-year Criminal Justice students in spring 2021 (our criminal justice class is essentially a criminal procedure class involving the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments). Shane has a strong work ethic, bright intellect, and dedication to the cause of justice that will serve our legal system well in the years to come.

As a student, Shane was consistently fully prepared for my lectures. His cold-call responses consistently indicated a willingness to grapple with the material, the significance of its application, and the policy implications arising from the readings. His moral compass clearly informed our classroom discussion, and he showed an ability to advocate tenaciously on that basis while remaining thoughtful and respectful of his classmates and the teaching environment. I was deeply impressed by his ability to neatly arrange facts and distinguish doctrine in response to my classroom hypotheticals. I was therefore entirely unsurprised that Shane wrote one of the strongest papers I graded that spring.

This past fall, Shane attended my Criminal Justice Reform seminar, where he was asked to prepare a piece of legal scholarship. He was always thorough and engaging in class. In one class, former U.S. District Court Judge Mark Bennett was a guest lecturer, and Shane asked whether reversals from the circuit court ever went into his decisions on the bench, and Judge Bennett responded by saying, "that was the best question I have ever been asked," and then he proceeded to answer Shane's question in detail for the next ten minutes.

Shane's character in the classroom is due in no small part to his background. For years following high school, he worked in food service, coffeeshops and restaurant kitchens. When he returned to school, he studied journalism and covered criminal justice at a daily newspaper in Wyoming. His willingness to work hard and his attitude of service should be partially attributable to his prior experience.

It is in journalism that Shane developed the deep interest in the law that he demonstrated in my class. He also began developing an understanding of the real-world implications of legal work. While working in news he published multiple articles detailing instances of police use of force and investigative techniques after which agencies terminated employment of the officers involved. I think this background will equip him to help you in navigating the difficult and weighty questions posed to members of the judiciary.

Finally, Shane prepared an excellent paper this fall in which he argued that people with felony convictions should be allowed to sit on civil and criminal matters that arise from the prison setting. I think he is the first to write on this novel idea, and his paper was able to break complex ideas in easy-to-read paragraphs. Again, I think his journalism pedigree would be an asset to your chambers.

Shane is also a delight to be around. I am confident that you and your chamber would enjoy working with him and that he will be an excellent clerk. If you have any further questions that I can answer about Shane, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Shon Hopwood

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Dear Judge Kahn:

I am writing in support of Shane Sanderson's application to be your law clerk. Shane was a student in my Federal Courts and the Federal System class in fall of 2022. This is a notoriously difficult course, and it is generally taken by the top students at Georgetown, including all of those who plan to apply for a judicial clerkship. Even in this company, Shane was a standout student. I generally assign a panel of students to be "on call" for each class. Shane always gave on point and insightful answers when I called on him. But, more importantly, he went above and beyond, making valuable contributions to class discussions even when he was not on call. It was clear from his class participation that he had mastered the difficult, often abstruse doctrines in this field. He also often stayed after class to continue discussing the Federal Courts issues we had covered in class. These conversations, as well as conversations during my office hours, showed that, in addition to being very bright and well-spoken, Shane is intellectually curious and sincerely interested in the issues on which he would be working as your clerk.

In light of his class performance, I was not surprised, after grading the exams blindly, to find that he had written one of the top-scoring exams. The exam I gave that year was, in retrospect, an extremely difficult one. Most students missed a lot of the main issues. Shane's exam was exceptional in that he caught all of the major issues and examined them succinctly and insightfully. The exam was well-written, well-organized, and well analyzed, and it confirmed his mastery of the subject matter of the course. I gave him a well-deserved A in the course.

During our conversations after class and during office hours, I also found him to be a delightful person. I am confident he would get along well with you and with his peers. He had a pre-law school career in journalism covering legal matters, which prepared him well for law school. Shane also conveys a higher degree of maturity than the average law student.

In sum, I recommend Shane to you enthusiastically. I have no doubt that he would make an excellent law clerk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss Shane's qualifications further.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Judge Kahn:

I am writing to recommend Shane Sanderson, a current 3L student at Georgetown University Law Center, for a clerkship position in your chambers. My recommendation and my knowledge of Mr. Sanderson's legal skills are based on the following: his impressive performance in my Advanced Evidence Seminar (in Spring 2022); a law review article that he is drafting; and his impressive performance thus far in my Law & Neuroscience seminar this semester (Spring 2023).

Mr. Sanderson was student in my Advanced Evidence Seminar during the last academic year. The seminar of 21 students focused on complex issues involving the law of evidence, with a particular focus on criminal cases. The work for the course consisted of two components: (1) class discussion of assigned topics and readings, and (2) an independent research paper. Mr. Sanderson excelled at both aspects and received a grade of "A" for the course. On the first component (class discussion and participation), the topics included advanced issues concerning admissibility rules (such as character, experts, and privileges) as well as several constitutional issues and issues involving burdens of proof and presumptions. Mr. Sanderson made many positive contributions to our class discussions, engaging regularly with me and his classmates on the issues. His contributions displayed a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of evidence doctrine as well as an appreciation of the larger legal context, including practical and policy considerations. He also regularly connected the evidentiary issues being discussed to other legal issues involving, for example, criminal justice and criminal procedure.

Mr. Sanderson's research paper was also equally impressive. The paper argues for an increased role for juries at criminal sentencing by connecting the sentencing issue to legal doctrine and scholarship on the distinction between "questions of law" and "questions of fact." The paper, in my opinion, creatively and effectively brings together three complex issues: (1) the abstract and theoretical academic scholarship on the law-fact distinction; (2) the Apprendi line of Supreme Court jurisprudence on sentencing; and (3) practical issues related to sentencing. The paper argues that, under existing academic models for distinguishing legal from factual questions, the question of an appropriate criminal sentence appears to fall on the "fact" (as opposed to the "law") side of the line, thus suggesting an increased role for juries as with other "factual" questions. In addition to its substance, the paper overall displayed several admirable qualities. These include the depth and quality of the research (both caselaw and scholarship), the clarity of the analysis and overall presentation, as well as a nuanced discussion of counterarguments and limitations of the paper's analysis.

After the class, Mr. Sanderson decided to expand his seminar paper into a full-length law review article. After conducting significant additional research, and seeking additional feedback on his drafts, Mr. Sanderson expanded the initial draft into a 25,000 word manuscript that he is now in the process of submitting to law reviews for publication. As with his original paper, I was impressed with the depth and breadth of his additional research, and with his ability to bring together a number of distinct issues in arguing for an increased role for juries in criminal sentencing.

This semester, Mr. Sanderson is a student in my Law & Neuroscience Seminar. The seminar explores a number of cutting-edge issues involving the use of neuroscience in legal settings, including, for example, death-penalty and juveniles cases on the criminal side and proving injury and pain on the civil side. The class discussions also involve several complex evidentiary issues involving different types of expert testimony. As in the Advanced Evidence Seminar, Mr. Sanderson has made many positive contributions to the class thus far. He also continues to display an impressive understanding of the complex evidentiary issues and an appreciation of the important practical and policy considerations underlying evidence doctrine.

Based on his performances in my courses, I believe that Mr. Sanderson would be an excellent law clerk. I would be happy to discuss his application further. The best way to reach me is via email at [michael.pardo@georgetown.edu](mailto:michael.pardo@georgetown.edu).

Sincerely,

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May 5, 2022

Dear Judge,

I am writing to provide my highest recommendation for Shane Sanderson who worked in my office as a legal intern over the past school year. He is intelligent, hardworking, and deeply motivated by the promise of justice. I have no doubt that he will make an excellent law clerk, and eventually, an outstanding attorney.

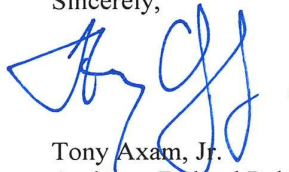
Shane came to the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the early fall of 2021 and immediately became a sought-after intern amongst the attorneys. His work with me involved research for cases on appeal in the D.C. Circuit. Obviously, his time as a reporter served him well as he was able to return assignments to me quickly with appropriate brevity and depth of analysis. He was the rare law student capable of understanding the broader implications of legal issues while successfully articulating their importance in the case immediately before the court.

I appreciated that Shane listened carefully and had the ability to understand the procedural and substantive doctrines that guide our work. He was able to accurately describe circuit splits for certiorari petitions and assist with evaluating issues of attorney ineffectiveness in post-conviction proceedings. When providing him assignments, I sometimes thought they were beyond the reach of a second-year law student. He repeatedly proved me wrong.

This spring, Shane assisted me with novel a Sixth Amendment jury cross-section challenge. Thanks in no small part to his extensive record review and legal research, our office inspired modifications to the District Court's jury selection plan. I like to think this effort will help ensure greater realization of our clients' rights to juries made up of fair cross-sections of the community.

I am pleased that I had the chance to supervise Shane and to get to know him personally. I look forward to watching him develop as a lawyer. Please contact me directly if you would like to further discuss my impressions of him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Axam, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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